

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A photosensitive transfer material comprising a temporary support, a thermoplastic resin layer, an intermediate layer, and a photosensitive recording layer,

wherein the thermoplastic resin layer, the intermediate layer and the photosensitive recording layer are provided in this order on the temporary support and the thermoplastic resin layer includes a thermoplastic resin and a polyester resin, the polyester resin being contained in the thermoplastic resin layer in an amount of at least 20% by weight and no more than 90% by weight based on a total solid content of the thermoplastic resin layer and wherein a number average molecular weight of the polyester resin is at least 800 and no more than 50,000.

2. (original): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 1, wherein the polyester resin is a polymer compound having an ester bond in a molecule and obtained by condensation polymerization of a dicarboxylic acid or a derivative thereof and a polyvalent alcohol.

3. (original): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 1, wherein the polyester resin is soluble in an organic solvent.

4. (original): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 3, wherein the polyester resin is crystalline.

5. (original): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 2, wherein the polyvalent alcohol is one selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol and glycerin.

6. (canceled)

7. (original): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin includes a resin that retains film strength and a resin that imparts a melting property when heated.

8. (original): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 7, wherein the resin that retains film strength is a copolymer of methacrylic acid, 2-ethylhexylacrylate, benzylmethacrylate and methyl-methacrylate.

9. (original): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 7, wherein the resin that imparts a melting property when heated is a copolymer of styrene and (meth)acrylic acid.

10. (original): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin layer further contains a binder in an amount of 10% to 80% by weight based on a total solid content of the thermoplastic resin layer.

11. (original): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin layer has a thickness of at least about 6 μm and no more than about 100 μm .

12. (original): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 1, wherein the intermediate layer is made of a material that can be dispersed or dissolved in water or an alkaline aqueous solution.

13. (original): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 1, wherein the intermediate layer has a thickness of at least about 0.1 μm and no more than about 5 μm .

14. (currently amended): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 1, ~~wherein the photosensitive resin layer is thermoplastic and becomes soft or adhesive at a temperature of no more than 150°C~~ wherein the thermoplastic resin layer becomes soft or adhesive at a temperature of no more than 150°C.

15. (original): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 1, further comprising a cover sheet provided on the photosensitive resin layer.

16. (new): A photosensitive transfer material according to claim 1, wherein a number average molecular weight of the polyester resin is from 1,500 to 35,000.

17. (new): A photosensitive transfer material according to claim 1, wherein a number average molecular weight of the polyester resin is from 1,800 to 17,000.

18. (new): A photosensitive transfer material according to claim 1, wherein a number average molecular weight of the polyester resin is from 1,500 to 35,000 and wherein the polyester resin is crystalline polyester.

19. (new): A photosensitive transfer material according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin is a thermoplastic resin other than a polyester resin.

20. (new): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 7, wherein the thermoplastic resin that retains film strength is a thermoplastic resin soluble in an alkaline solution and which weight average molecular weight is 50,000 to 500,000.

21. (new): The photosensitive transfer material of claim 7, wherein the resin that imparts a melting property when heated is a thermoplastic resin soluble in an alkaline solution and which weight average molecular weight is 3,000 to 30,000.